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INDY FOOD FUND REQUESTS INNOVATIVE FOOD ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS

SUSTAININDY CONTRIBUTED \$20K FOR HEALTHY FOODS GRANTS AND LOANS

INDIANAPOLIS –The City of Indianapolis' Office of Sustainability is partnering with the Indy Food Fund to offer grants ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 and loans ranging from \$25,000 to \$2 million to nonprofits and businesses involved in healthy food-related initiatives in Indianapolis. Applications will be accepted online until December 14 and the winners will be announced on January 15.

The goal of the Indy Food Fund is to improve the health of Indianapolis residents through increased access to healthy food. Applicants for Indy Food Fund grants or loans must also demonstrate that their project impacts health, ecology, social justice, community development, and/or economic development of Indianapolis neighborhoods. Applications can be downloaded [here](#).

The City of Indianapolis' SustainIndy Fund contributed \$20,000 to Indy Food Fund, and drew an additional \$36,000 in matching funds to the program. The SustainIndy Fund was created for projects just like this one that help improve quality of life as well as introduce sustainable practices into everyday life. Mayor Ballard's annual Sustainability Awards Luncheon, honoring innovative sustainability projects across the city, serves as a fundraiser for the SustainIndy Fund.

The Office of Sustainability is offering sponsorship opportunities for the April 24, 2013 Sustainability Awards, and is also accepting award nominations for sustainability projects completed in the 2012 calendar year. For more information on the awards, visit www.indy.gov/sustainindy/awards.

ABOUT INDY FOOD FUND: *The Indy Food Fund is collaboration between LISC, the City of Indianapolis' Office of Sustainability, Indianapolis Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Growing Places Indy, and Butler University's Center for Urban Ecology. It is administered by LISC. Indy Food Fund is a critical component in the development of an Indianapolis food system that improves quality of life for all Indianapolis residents by increasing food access, decreasing obesity rates, and improving economic growth.*

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